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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, BEAR CREEK
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated L HOSS A RA SUF.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso Production Company--JL Loe et al No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for L HOSS A RA SUF, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.
5. To expand the provisions of Supplement to Office of Conservation Order No. 78-48, effective November 18, 1998, to include the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, underlying L HOSS A RA SUF, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in this Supplemental Order.
6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-AA series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.
7. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated July 28, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2005. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed unit, which plat is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

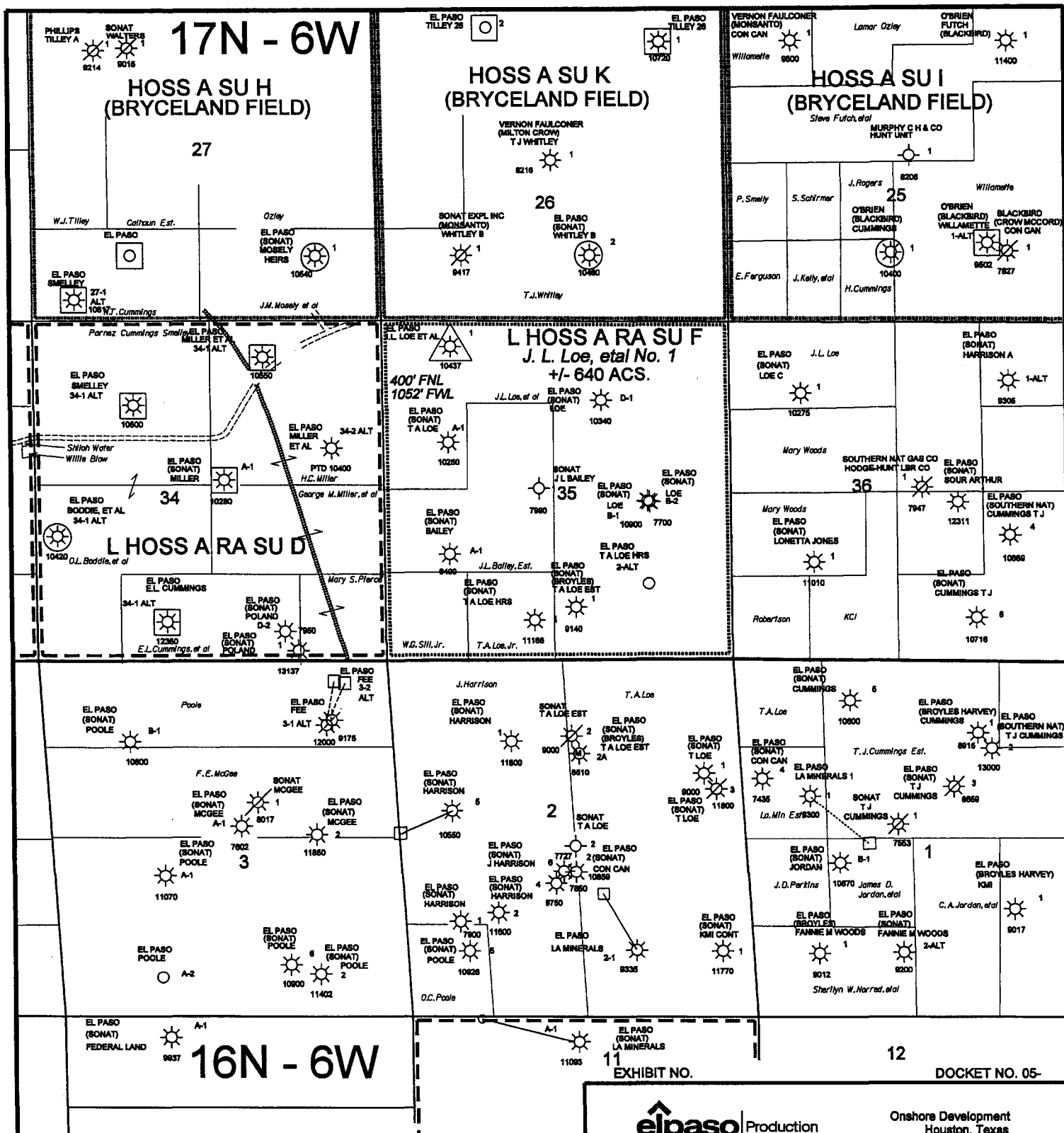
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT

**LOWER HOSSSTON A ZONE,
RESERVOIR A**



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